Discussions between CBI Officials and Chinese Delegation

3566. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty-member Chinese delegation, led by He Yong, arrived in India and held talks with CBI officials on vigilance and anti-corruption measures;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and decisions taken thereon so far;

(c) whether Government are following a policy of zero tolerance in public services; and

(d) if so, the details of such cases where the policy of zero tolerance has been followed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Anti-corruption measures taken by Government of India were discussed. The issue of bilateral cooperation in the area of anti-corruption also figured in the discussion.

(c) and (d) The Government of India has been pursuing the policy of zero tolerance against corruption at all levels by bringing in transparency and accountability.

Age limit for UPSC examinations

3567. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received any request or representation from student organizations to change the determining date of age limit to UPSC examinations from August 1st to an earlier date; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) A few representations have been received to change the determining date of age-limit from August 1st to an earlier date for UPSC examinations. No decision has been taken to change the determining date of age-limit.